

OoW 5-15-22 (White/Gold) Ringing of Church Bell/Lighting of Altar Candles 10 AM

Thought: "If we have no peace, it is because we have forgotten that we belong to each other. Intense love does not measure, it just gives." (Mother Teresa 1910-1997)

Pastoral Prayer

Handbell Choir

Gathering Hymn Cantemos al Senor / Let's Sing unto the Lord **No. 149 UMH**

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of glad rejoicing. Let's sing a hymn of love, at the new day's fresh beginning. God made the sky above, the stars, the sun, the oceans; and God saw it was good, for those works were filled with beauty. (Eng. Refrain)

(Eng. Refrain): **Alleluia! Alleluia! Let's sing unto the Lord. Alleluia!**

(Span. Refrain): **Alleluia! Alleluia! Cantemos al Senor. Alleluia!**

Cantemos al Senor un himno alegria, un cantico de amor al nacer el nuevo dia. El hizo el cielo, el mar, el sol y las estrellas y vio en ellos bondad, pues sus obras eran bellas. (Span. Refrain):

Cantemos al Senor un himno a la banza exprese nuestro amor, nuestra fe, nuestra esperanza. En toda la creacion pregona su grandeza, a si nuestro cantar va 'nunciando su belleza. (S. Refrain):

Let's sing unto the Lord a hymn of adoration, which shows our love and faith and the hope of all creation. Through all that has been made, the Lord is praised for greatness, and so we sing to God, who bestows such lovely blessings. (Eng. Refrain)

Call to Worship: A Statement of Faith – No. 883 UMH

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit. We trust in God. We are called to be the church: to celebrate God's presence, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.

Call and Response: People: **I will, with God's help.**

Scripture Reading:

Psalm 148

Barbara Peterson

Opening Hymn

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling"

No. 384 UMH

Love divine, all loves excelling, joy of heaven, to earth come down; fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown! Jesus, thou art all compassion, pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart.

Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast! Let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our bent to sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive; suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish, then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be. Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee; changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place, tell we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

Chancel Choir Anthem

“Word of God, Come Down on Earth”

Children's Sermon:

Susan Johnson

The Lord's Prayer: No. 895 UMH

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory forever. Amen.

Padre Nuestro:

Padre nuestro, que estás en los cielos, santificado sea tu nombre. Venga tu reino; hágase tu voluntad, en la tierra como en el cielo. Danos hoy nuestro pan de cada día, y perdona nuestras ofensas como nosotros perdonamos a los que nos ofenden. Y no nos metas en tentación, mas líbranos del mal. Porque tuyo es el reino, y el poder, y la gloria por los siglos. Amén.

Scripture Reading:

Acts 11:1-18

Barbara Peterson

Offertory: Joy Asenas

Doxology: “Praise God, From Whom All Blessings Flow” No. 94 UMH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia! Praise God, the source of all our gifts! Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts! Praise the Spirit, Holy Spirit! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication: No. 392 UMH

Give me a pure heart, that I may see thee; a humble heart, that I may hear thee; a heart of love, that I may serve thee; a heart of faith, that I may abide in thee. Amen. (Dag Hammarskjöld, Sweden, 20th century)

Scripture Reading

Revelation 21:1-6

Barbara Peterson

Preparation Hymn

They'll Know We Are Christians by Our Love

No. 2223 TFWS

We are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, we are one in the Spirit, we are one in the Lord, and we pray that all unity may one day be restored:

(Refrain): and they'll know we are Christians by our love, by our love; yes, they'll know we are Christians by our love.

We will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, we will walk with each other, we will walk hand in hand, and together we'll spread the news that God is in our land: (Refrain):

All praise to the Father, from whom all things come, and all praise to Christ Jesus, God's only Son, and all praise to the Spirit, who makes us one: (Refrain):

Scripture Reading:

John 13:31-35

Homily:

“Love Is a Verb”

Rev. Bethany Carpenter

Hymn of Commitment:

The Gift of Love”

No. 408 UMH

Though I may speak with bravest fire, and have the gift to all inspire, and have not love, my words are vain, as sounding brass, and hopeless gain.

Though I may give all I possess, and striving so my love profess, but not be given by love within, the profit soon turns strangely thin.

Come, Spirit, come, our hearts control, our spirits long to be made whole. Let inward love guide every deed; by this we worship and are freed.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion: No. 607 UMH

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (John Wesley, England, 1700's)

Prayer of Confession No. 892 UMH

Our Heavenly Father who by thy love hast made us, and through thy love hast kept us, and in thy love wouldst make us perfect: We humbly confess that we have not loved thee with all our heart and soul and mind and strength, and that we have not loved one another as Christ hath loved us. ... Forgive what we have been; help us to amend what we are; and in thy Sprit direct what we shall

be; that thou mayest come into the full glory of thy creation in us and in all the people; though Jesus, our Lord, Amen.

Prayer Before Receiving Holy Communion: No. 607 UMH

Let me be full, let me be empty. Let me have all things, let me have nothing. I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal. In Jesus' name. Amen. (John Wesley, England, 1700's)

Holy Communion at HOME: Bread, Liquid, Candle.

Response 1: **Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of Power and Might. Heaven and Earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Response 2: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again!**

Response 3: **Amen, Amen, Amen.**

Bardsdale Closing Song:

May the God of Peace be with you, holding you in strong fingered hands, and may you be an instrument of God's peace, to those whose hands you hold, and may the blessings of peace, be with you, be with you, be with you. (Edited by Roberta Palmer)